

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.00pm.**

Present: Councillors  
Mrs Bloomfield  
Mr Horne  
Mr Morley  
Mr Sandford  
Mr Skinner  
Mr Waite

The meeting was Chaired by Councillor Morley.

Also in attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk, Members of the Public and Press.

**1. Apologies.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Jacques and Smith.

**2. Declaration of Interests.**

Councillor Waite – Planning application for Summer Place, Caring Lane.

Councillor Sandford – Planning application for Summer Place, Caring Lane.

Councillor Bloomfield – Planning application for Summer Place, Caring Lane.

**3. Minutes from last Parish Council Meeting.**

The minutes were discussed and agreed (Waite/Sandford), these were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

**4. Matters Arising from Minutes.**

There were no matters arising.

**5. PC Committees and representatives.**

The Chairman informed members that a representative was needed for the King George V Memorial Hall. This was discussed and it was resolved that Councillor Bloomfield would undertake this role. (Waite/Horne)

**6. Police Matters.**

A police representative from the Neighbourhood Policing Unit attended the meeting on behalf of Chief Inspector Hall to speak about the recent problems with traffic at the County Show.

It was reported that a lot of complaints had been received regarding the Kent County Show and the way in which the traffic was managed for the event. Members were informed that Kent Highways had produced a traffic order regarding the roads for the County Show, and this year the Showground did not have police support therefore alternative traffic control methods were put in place. These traffic control methods led to serious traffic delays on the A249 resulting in a lot of complaints.

The Chairman spoke regarding this issue and informed members that the A249 Action Group was due to meet in August to discuss this issue.

Councillor Horne informed members that all residents received letters regarding the road closures and he believed that the Showground sent out the letters on behalf of Kent Highways. The traffic management outside of the Showground was the responsibility of

Kent Highways and on the Sunday of the Show the police took over traffic movements to clear the backlog of traffic.

The police informed members that a meeting was to be arranged with all agencies to discuss this further.

Councillor Waite asked if the Parish Council could liaise with the police regarding the best way forward for future events.

Councillor Sandford spoke regarding the speeding traffic along Caring Lane and Lee Cumberland's promise to undertake speed checks in this area.

Councillor Waite referred to correspondence in the Clerks Report regarding the reduction in PCSO's and the expansion of PCSO Jennifer Baulf's area.

**7. Public Comments and Observations.**

The Chairman spoke regarding the planning application for Summer Place and briefed the meeting on the current situation.

He informed members that the PC had submitted an objection to the proposals and explained these to all present.

**8. Kent International Gateway.**

Councillor Waite gave members a report of the progress of the Joint Parish Group.

He informed the meeting that the Highways Agency had extended the Article 14 Direction until 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

He explained that the group was currently working on three main areas, business plan, traffic implications and environmental issues.

Councillor Horne spoke regarding the planning meeting to be held by MBC and the possible arrangements for this.

**9. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

**10. Clerks Report.**

The Clerks report was noted by all present.

**11. External Reports:**

**a. Ward Councillor's Report.**

Councillor Horne gave his report to the meeting.

He spoke regarding the Joint Transportation Board meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> August and urged as many people as possible to attend this meeting as the Ware Street Crossing was due to be discussed.

**b. County Councillors Report.**

Apologies were received from Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart.

**c. Liaison with outside parties.**

No reports were given.

**12. Financial Matters:***a. Financial Statement.*

The financial statement was agreed by members. (Waite/Sandford).

*b. 2007/2008 Accounts.*

The Accounts, Annual Return and Statement of Assurance for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 were presented to members.

The Clerk informed members that Councillor Smith had not yet undertaken a review of the accounts, however these had been audited by the Internal Auditor. Members agreed the accounts subject to an inspection by Councillor Skinner. (Horne/Skinner)

These were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

***Action: Clerk to forward accounts to Audit Commission for audit.***

*c. Request for financial donation from BTCV.*

A request for a financial donation from BTCV was discussed by all present. It was proposed by Councillor Horne to make a donation of £100 towards the Tree Warden Scheme, this was seconded by Councillor Sandford and agreed by all present.

***Action: Clerk to raise cheque for £100.***

**13. Parish Matters.***a. Averches Road Ransom Strip.*

Nothing to report.

*b. Footpaths and Bridleways.*

Nothing to report.

*c. Website.*

Nothing to report.

**14. Committee Reports.***a. Planning.*

Councillor Waite reported on planning matters.

*b. Highways.*

Nothing to report.

*c. Parish Plan.*

Councillor Morley gave a report on the Parish Plan.

**15. Adoption of Parish Plan and Parish Plan Action List.**

The Chairman presented the Parish Plan to the meeting and it was proposed by Councillor Waite that the PC formally adopt the plan, this was seconded by Councillor Sandford and agreed by all present.

The Parish Council praised the work of the Parish Plan Group and the completed document.

**16. M20/A249.**

Nothing to report.

**17. Village Design Statement.**

Councillor Waite reported that due to lack of interest the planned Village Design Workshop had been postponed until the autumn.

**18. Location for New Notice board.**

The Chairman informed the meeting that The Bell had been agreed as the new location for the notice board.

***Action: Clerk to arrange installation of notice board.***

**19. Bimbury Castle and the Sound Mirror.**

Councillor Horne reported on this matter and the project planned to ascertain the location of the sound mirror.

**20. Future Items.**

No matters were raised.

**21. Date of next meeting.**

Date of next meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

***There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9:10pm***

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chairman**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_